

## Millions of Fisher-Price Products Being Recalled

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Whether they have their own children or not, most Americans are familiar with the Fisher-Price name since the company has been marketing its highly popular toys and other products to children for many years. Yet whenever one of this country's major toy manufacturers has to recall a vast number of its goods, it's always a bit surprising.

At present, **Fisher-Price** is recalling over 11 million children's products. Safety concerns have prompted the recall of many of the company's toys, tricycles and high chairs. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (**CPSC**) recently stated that the tricycles and high chairs have been directly blamed for some children's injuries. In fact, six of the ten children known to have suffered harm had to receive medical attention. These injuries involved **Fisher-Price's Trike** and **Tough Trike** toddler tricycles. Many of these tricycles feature well known characters such as Dora the Explorer and Barbie. Apparently, the plastic ignition keys located near these tricycles' seats can cause a variety of injuries to children who accidentally fall onto them. Some kids have even suffered genital bleeding from these accidents.

Fisher-Price has also had to recall more than one million of its **Healthy Care**, **Easy Clean** and **Close to Me High Chairs** due to fourteen separate complaints. It seems that when people use the pegs on the backs of these high chairs to store the trays, children who fall on them can injure themselves. In fact, seven of the fourteen children who were injured required stitches due to this design defect.

Although the CPSC is very concerned about these product defects, they are pleased that Fisher-Price is offering free repairs and replacements to consumers. While the vast majority

of these high chairs were sold in the United States, close to 400,000 of them were sold in Canada.

## Additional Fisher-Price Recalls

The other current Fisher-Price products being recalled include over 2.8 million

Baby Playzone Crawl & Cruise Playground toys, Baby Gymtastics Play Wall toys, Baby Playzone Crawl & Slide Arcade toys, Ocean Wonders Kick & Crawl Aquarium toys, Bat & Score Goal toys and 1-2-3 Tetherball toys. Apparently, when the valves come off these toys' balls, they pose a choking hazard to children. Consumers have already reported more than 50 such valves coming off the balls.

Finally, Fisher-Price is **also recalling** about 120,000 **Little People Wheelies Stand 'n Play Rampway** toys. (That figure covers both the U. S. and Canadian sales of these toys). These products were sold between April and late September 2010 to mass merchandise stores in both countries. The main danger posed by these "rampway" toys occurs when the wheels on the green and purple cars come off, creating serious choking risks to children.